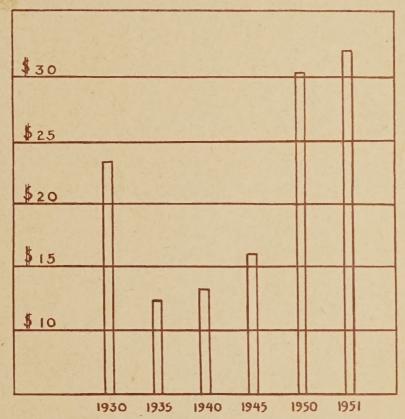
Statistics of Giving

(Formerly known as The United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving)

December 1, 1951

COMPILED BY HARRY S. MYERS

PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS



JOINT DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND BENEVOLENCE of the

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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Total Contributions From Living Donors

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Religious Body	Budget Benevolence	Denominational Benevolence	Other	Total	Congregational	Total	Membership 13 Years and Over	Reports for Year Ending
	\$ 2,446,592	\$ 2,446,592 6,398,943	\$ 2267612	\$ 2,446,592	\$40.762.964	\$ 2,446,592	275,000	June 30, 1950 1.
	346,000	346,000		346,000	2000	346,000	3,776,764	30, 1951
4. Baptist, Seventh Day	33,402,224	33,402,224		33,402,224	163,839,130		6,500,000	31, 1950
*Brethren (110,669	110,669	4,604	2.125.157	314,628	429,901	18,529	1951
		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118	18,988	30, 1950
9. Brethren in Christ	21,014	21,014	211	21,225	22,891	013,223	0,120	31, 1950
	092,760	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,0	1,273,453	30,000	31, 1950 1
	5,834.019	5,522,324	989,725	7,925,067	38,374,175	50,538,509	1,768,294	30, 1951
*Episcopal, Protestan	8,157,758	9,018,390		9,018,390	51,870,236	60,888,626	1,617,025	31, 1950
	2.080.225	3.428.267	534.974	3.963.241	21,106,012	25,047,692	735.941	Dec. 31, 1949 15.
	2,027,476	4,611,452	311,733	4,923,185	22,620,258	27,543,443	712,194	5, 1951
18. *Friends (Damascus, Ohio)	93,490	118,537		118,537	315,132	433,669	5,916	
	1,887,744	2,834,199	1,957,122	4,791,321	18,495,073	23,286,394	510,536	30, 1950
	1,207,839	2,871,570		2,871,570	11,336,014	14,207,584	327,875	31, 1
Lutheran, Evangelical	2,089,854	3,851,132	5,194,981	9,046,113	50,130,334	31,963,172	592,058	
Lutheran,	3,926,140	54,671		54,671	222,579	277,250	7,155	30, 1951
Lutheran,	129,621		2,100	98,496	560,842	659,338	22,144	
*Lutheran,	4,830,900	13,464,096	39 239	13,464,096	39,349,489	52,813,585	1,401,533	30, 1950
Lutheran,	1,326,959	1,326,959	148,836	1,475,795	6,012,130	7,487,925	214,425	31, 1
Mennonite	0.160.110	76,597		76,597	98,976	175,573	3,171	30, 1951
	2,403,113	133.844		2,405,115	1,000,000	3,403,113	1 907	1, 1951
32. *Methodist	19,971,741	38,508,675		38,508,675	206,167,999	244,676,674	8,935,647	Dec. 31, 1950 32.
	1,054,688		15,463	2,044,900	4,961,362	7,006,262	42,783	50, 1951
	302,547	153.780	7,958	344,050	3,540,978	3,885,034	33,796	31, 1950
*	1,497,893	3,393,869	545,475	3,939,344	20,416,125	24,355,469	232,920	31, 1950
		71,000		71,000	5,291	6,291	1200	31, 1950
	113 192	360,152		360.152	838 868	1.199,020	26,544	31, 1951
	178,178	178,178		178,178	1,466,742	1,644,920	80,140	31, 1950
41. Fresbyterian, Orthodox	116,941	116,941	100 164	2 340 681	394,368	511,309	5,831	
*Presbyterian,	8,645,999	8,645,999	773,084	9,419,083	30,993,124	40,412,207	702,266	31, 1951
44. *Presbyterian, U. S. A.	12,917,682	16,933,508	470.634	16,933,508	86.648,229	103,581,737	2,447,975	Dec. 31, 1950 44.
	28,677,827	30,111,766	12,576	30,124,342	5.786.885	35,911,227	250 939	31, 1950
Srethren (Huntington)	128,635	272,852	0 0 0 0 0	272,852	988,052	1,260,904	18,839	Oct. 31, 1951 47.
Total U. S., 1951	161,753,621	217,987,530	14,075,307	232,063,837	934,379,811	1,166,443,648	36,073,974	
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	245,499	532,723	1,187	533,910	1,588,588	2,122,498	52,362	
50. *Baptist, Western Canada	90,230	131,105		131,105	607,123	738,228	17,008	30, 1951
	1,128,270	1,126,270	71 406	1,128,2/0	5,001,,228	5,325,530	176 208	31, 1948
	4,310,856	4,842,374	720,102	5,562,476	19,888,932	25,451,408	821,119	1950
Total Canada, 1951 Total Canada, 1950	6,684,953 5,060,854	7,725,149 6,405,651	794,115	8,519,264 7,119,180	32,935,396 25,857,902	41,454,660 32,977,082	1,582,176	
Grand Total, 1951	168,438,574	225,712,679	14,869,422	240,583,101	967,315,207	1,207,898,308	37,656,150	
Grand Total, 1950	160,207,720	221,080,257	13,311,947	235,894,603	901,234,513	1,137,554,266	37,235,859	
*Member Joint Department of Stewar dship and Benevolence	ship and Benevole	nce	‡For]	Eight Months				

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Per Member Contributions From Living Donors

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z	Total	\$ 8.90 (45) 37.59 (33) .09 (46)	35.20 (34 30.34 (38) 23.20 (42) 41.58 (25)	72.31 (9) 100.09 (5) 16.86 (44)	42.45 (23)	26.18 (41) 37.65 (32) 48.48 (17) 34.03 (37)	38.67 (30) 73.29 (8) 40.13 (28)	43.35 (21) 43.35 (21) 53.97 (15)	51.93 (16) 38.74 (29)	29.76 (39) 37.67 (31) 42.57 (22)	34.91 (35) 55.36 (12)	92.58 (6) 55.20 (13) 27.30 (40)	163.76 (1) 114.95 (3)	34.07 (36) 104.56 (4)	41.04 (27)			54.38 (14) 143.11 (2) 66.93 (10)	1		43.40 (1) 13.62 (6) 30.22 (4)		29.49	32.07	‡For 11 N
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4	Religious Body	*Baptist, *Baptist,	Baptist, Baptist, *Brethren	Brethren, National Fellowship Brethren in Christ	*	13. *Disciples of Christ 14. *Episcopal, Protestant 15. *Evangelical Congregational 16. *Francolical and Peformed	17. *Evangeucal and Netorimed 17. *Evangelical United Brethren 18. *Friends (Damascus, Ohio) 19. Urganasional Bourganare Gossel	* *	Lutheran, Lutheran	*Lutheran,	Lutheran	Mennonite,	52. Methodist 33. Methodist, Free 4. Methodist, Weslevan	*			*Presbyterian,	44. *Fresbyterian, U. S. A. 45. *Reformed in America 46. Seventh-day Adventists AT IInthad Reathram (Huntington)	Average U. S., 19 Average U. S., 19	48. *Baptist, Maritime	50. "Baptist, Western Canada 51. "Church of England, Canada 52. "Presbyterian, Canada	53. *United Church of Canada	Average Canada, 1950	General Average, 1951	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship

Church Giving Increases Again

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

For 31 years, beginning in 1920, these statistics were prepared by the United Stewardship Council and known as United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving. January 1, 1951 The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States and Canada united with seven other national councils to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Four other interdenominational bodies also united. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence is the successor of the United Stewardship Council. On September 1, 1951, The Rev. T. K. Thompson became Executive Director with office at 297 Fourth Ave., New York, succeeding Dr. Harry S. Myers who had been Secretary and prepared these statistics since the fall of 1921.

COOPERATION OF COMMUNIONS

During the first years the number of communions reporting was 18, but during recent years fifty have reported. These statistics are taken from officially signed reports made by the communion official responsible for statistics. There are still some strange items. The National Baptists Inc. could not report any contributions to Congregational Expenses and so their total contributions and their per member figures are in error. Some communions that had intended to report this year have not been able to get their report in time for this issue.

LARGEST REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions reported on page 2 are 70 million larger than last year, a gain of over 6%. The total this year is \$1,207,898,308. This is not accounted for by some sudden spurt somewhere but by a steady annual increase since 1936. The growth is due to increased income, better methods of church finance, better promotion, increased practise of Stewardship, the Every Member Canvas, and a better motivation for giving.

If the contributions of Roman Catholics, Jews and about 200 small protestant communions were available, the total probably would exceed \$2,000,-000,000.

PER MEMBER GIVING

The membership increased 11% during the year under review. The per member contributions increased almost 5%, and stands at \$32.07 as shown on page 3. The chart on page 1 shows the comparative giving for 21 years. The report for 1930 included a part of the boom year 1929 and a part of the depression of 1930. The per member giving was \$23.37. In 1935 after four years of depression it dropped to \$12.10. In 1940 it was \$13.35. In 1945, \$16.17. In 1950, \$30.55. In 1951 \$32.07. This is for the fiscal years shown in the last column on page 2. This report shows a per member giving for Foreign Missions that is 4 cents less in the United States and 29 cents more in Canada than the preceding report. The average for all is a decrease of 2 cents. It is pitiable that we give so little for foreign missions, which is the giving that has done so much to bring peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

SMALL COMMUNIONS

The small communions are much more closely knit than the large ones. Some of them emphasize tithing much more than any large group, although they do not make tithing a condition of membership, but it is so emphasized that those who do not tithe feel uncomfortable. A larger proportion of the mem-

bers of small communions contrbute than is true of larger ones.

Two communions that I have known rather intimately reported recently that less than one half of the members made any contribution of record for congregational expenses and less than one third contributed to Benevolences, The communions that give most per member are in this order (see page 3):

Free Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Brethren in Christ, each of which is reported herein as giving more than \$100 per member. There is a Free Methodist church less than 500 feet from our home. The church to which we belong is in the opposite direction, a little more than a block. The Free Methodists in this church contributed \$350 per member during the last fiscal year. At the Conference held here in July it was reported as the church with largest per member contributions. This amount is ten times the average for all the communions and six times the amount of our church which is almost five times as large.

INFLATION

During these years our income has increased from \$50,000,000,000 in 1935, to almost \$250 billion in 1951. The amounts we pay for clothes, food, shelter, taxes, jewelry, amusements, gum, candy, alcohol, to-bacco, building homes, furnishing them has also increased. An advertisement of a nationally known firm recently said this increase was 48.3%. If our gifts had increased as our income has increased instead of \$32.07 per member we would have given \$00.50 per member. When a dollar was worth 100 cents it would do a certain amount of work in our local church and our missions. Not now. We have greatly increased giving but only increased work done by a very small percent.

In spite of the difficulties under which churches work, the constantly shifting membership, secularism, increased cost of everything, the communions have made a notable advance in these last few years. We need to take heart and work harder. Our Stewardship promotion is taking effect.

DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Extenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Many denominations divide the membership into two classes: Those younger than thirteen, and those thirteen and older. We use the former figure where available, but in some cases use the total membership where the division is not made.

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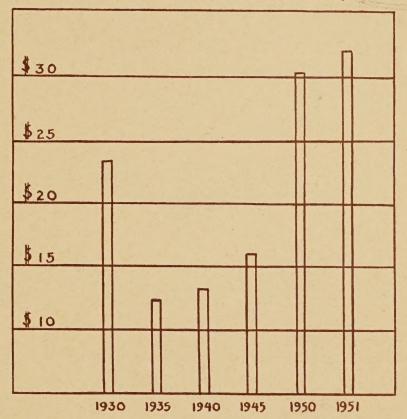
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Benevolence	Benevolence	Benevolence	Expenses	Contributions	13 Years and Over	Year Ending
\$ 2,446,592 6,398,943	\$ 2,267,612	\$ 2,446,592 8,666,555	\$49,762,964	\$ 2,446,592 58,429,519	275,000	30, 1950
		346,000	180,744	346,000	3,776,764	
33,402,224	4 604	33,402,224	163,839,130	197,241,354	6,500,000	31, 1950
	540,159	2,125,157	4,823,810	6,948,967	167,106	30, 1951
		327,415	285,808	613,223	6,126	
21,014	211	21,225	22,891	44,116	30,000	31. 1950
5,522,324	900 705	5,522,324	45,016,185	50,538,509	1,227,527	31, 1950
9,018,390		9,018,390	51,870,236	40,299,242	1,708,294	1950
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4,611,452	311,733	4,923,185	22,620,258	27,543,443	712,194	5, 1951
118,537		118,537	315,132	433,669	5,916	June 30, 1950
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		10,401,257	50,130,334	60,531,591	1,165,482	Dec. 31, 1950
54,671 96.396	2.100	54,671 98,496	222,579	277,250	7,155	April 30, 1951 March 31, 1951
		13,464,096	39,349,489	52,813,585	1,401,533	31, 1950
203,660	39,239	242,899	1,149,043	1,391,942	32.694	30, 1951
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38,508,675	15 163	38,508,675	206,167,999	244,676,674	8,935,647	31, 1950
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3	MEMBER	Congregational Expenses	32.02	20.21	25.20	28.86	50.66	8.75	36.05	21.70	32.08	28.65	31.76	33.85	36.23	38.70	13.01	25.32	28.07	28.03	31.21	22.40	23.07	7.74	26.75		31 60	18.30	35.50	14.13	4.30	23.06 52.45	29.18	21.20	30.34	11.11	25.32	20.82	28.78	1000
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*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence

**For Eight Months.

‡For 11 Months.

Church Giving Increases Again

PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

For 31 years, beginning in 1920, these statistics were prepared by the United Stewardship Council and known as United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving. January 1, 1951 The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States and Canada united with seven other national councils to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Four other interdenominational bodies also united. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence is the successor of the United Stewardship Council. On September 1, 1951, The Rev. T. K. Thompson became Executive Director with office at 297 Fourth Ave., New York, succeeding Dr. Harry S. Myers who had been Secretary and prepared these statistics since the fall of 1921.

COOPERATION OF COMMUNIONS

During the first years the number of communions reporting was 18, but during recent years fifty have reported. These statistics are taken from officially signed reports made by the communion officially signed responsible for statistics. There are still some strange items. The National Baptists Inc. could not report any contributions to Congregational Expenses and so their total contributions and their per member figures are in error. Some communions that had intended to report this year have not been able to get their report in time for this issue.

LARGEST REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions reported on page 2 are 70 million larger than last year, a gain of over 6%. The total this year is \$1,207,898,308. This is not accounted for by some sudden spurt somewhere but by a steady annual increase since 1936. The growth is due to increased income, better methods of church finance, better promotion, increased practise of Stewardship, the Every Member Canvas, and a better motivation for giving.

If the contributions of Roman Catholics, Jews and about 200 small protestant communions were available, the total probably would exceed \$2,000,000.000.

PER MEMBER GIVING

The membership increased 11% during the year under review. The per member contributions increased almost 5%, and stands at \$32.07 as shown on page 3. The chart on page 1 shows the comparative giving for 21 years. The report for 1930 included a part of the boom year 1929 and a part of the depression of 1930. The per member giving was \$23.37. In 1935 after four years of depression it dropped to \$12.10. In 1940 it was \$13.35. In 1945, \$16.17. In 1950, \$30.55. In 1951 \$32.07. This is for the fiscal years shown in the last column on page 2. This report shows a per member giving for Foreign Missions that is 4 cents less in the United States and 29 cents more in Canada than the preceding report. The average for all is a decrease of 2 cents. It is pitiable that we give so little for foreign missions, which is the giving that has done so much to bring peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

SMALL COMMUNIONS

The small communions are much more closely knit than the large ones. Some of them emphasize tithing much more than any large group, although they do not make tithing a condition of membership, but it is so emphasized that those who do not tithe feel uncomfortable. A larger proportion of the mem-

bers of small communions contrbute than is true of larger ones.

Two communions that I have known rather intimately reported recently that less than one half of the members made any contribution of record for congregational expenses and less than one third contributed to Benevolences. The communions that give most per member are in this order (see page 3):

Free Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Brethren in Christ, each of which is reported herein as giving more than \$100 per member. There is a Free Methodist church less than 500 feet from our home. The church to which we belong is in the opposite direction, a little more than a block. The Free Methodists in this church contributed \$350 per member during the last fiscal year. At the Conference held here in July it was reported as the church with largest per member contributions. This amount is ten times the average for all the communions and six times the amount of our church which is almost five times as large.

INFLATION

During these years our income has increased from \$50,000,000,000 in 1935, to almost \$250 billion in 1951. The amounts we pay for clothes, food, shelter, taxes, jewelry, amusements, gum, candy, alcohol, to-bacco, building homes, furnishing them has also increased. An advertisement of a nationally known firm recently said this increase was 48.3%. If our gifts had increased as our income has increased instead of \$32.07 per member we would have given \$60.50 per member. When a dollar was worth 100 cents it would do a certain amount of work in our local church and our missions. Not now. We have greatly increased giving but only increased work done by a very small percent.

In spite of the difficulties under which churches work, the constantly shifting membership, secularism, increased cost of everything, the communions have made a notable advance in these last few years. We need to take heart and work harder. Our Stewardship promotion is taking effect.

DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

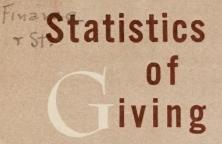
Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Many denominations divide the membership into two classes: Those younger than thirteen, and those thirteen and older. We use the former figure where available, but in some cases use the total membership where the division is not made.



A COMPILATION OF THE LATEST INFORMATION, COMPLETED NOVEMBER 15, 1952

FORTY-SEVEN Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States report total contributions of \$1,286,633,160 for all purposes, compared with a total of \$1,166,443,648 reported a year earlier, an over-all gain of 10.3 per cent.

Congregational expenses amounted to \$1,036,832,082 in the 45 religious bodies reporting this item, a gain of \$102,452,271, or 11 per cent, over the figure given a year earlier

Total benevolences amounted to \$249,801,078 in 47 denominations, a gain of \$17,737,241, or 7.6 per cent, over the previous annual figure compiled.

Total contributions were \$34.32 per capita, compared with \$32.33 a year ago, a gain of \$1.99 per member per year, or 6.1 per cent over the previous year, in the 47 denominations reporting.

The per capita gain in benevolences for the 47 reporting denominations was, however, only from \$6.43 to \$6.66, or 23 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the gain was only from \$1.31 per capita to \$1.34, or 3 cents per person per year.

CANADIAN FIGURES

For six religious bodies in Canada, total contributions were \$59,301,870, compared with \$56,107,961, a revised figure for a year earlier, a gain of \$3,193,909, or 5.7 per cent.

In Canada, giving for congregational expenses increased 7.5 per cent over the previous year, while for total benevolences the gain was 2.6 per cent.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$26.45 in total contributions, an increase of \$1.27 per member per year over the previous report. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$15.92 per year to \$17.01, a gain of \$1.09, while for total benevolences the gain was only from \$9.26 per capita to \$9.44, or 18 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, the members of Canadian churches gave \$1.68 per capita, compared with \$1.63, or a gain of 5 cents in the year.

For details, see the tables below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. for the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

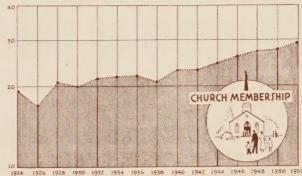
GIVING AND INFLATION

For the purpose of answering at least partly certain questions that continually arise concerning the effect of deflation and inflation on giving, a special study has been made, comparing the trend in total giving in 15 Protestant denominations* that have reported every year for every year since 1921 with the trend of church membership reported in these 15 bodies.

A comparison of the two trends, shown graphically in chart one, reveals that between 1926 and 1934 the reported church membership increased slightly, while from 1930 to 1934 the total giving considerably decreased.

From 1934 to 1952 church membership gradually





Sources: REPORTS of United Stewardship Council, 1924-50; of National Council of Churches, 1951-52

CHART ONE

increased, while total gifts for all purposes went up much more rapidly than the membership. The trends show graphically the common knowledge that there has been an inflation, particularly since 1940.

Another way of studying the matter has been to compare the trend in per capita gifts for all purposes in these 15 denominations with the trend in the consumer price index (all items) as compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for persons with moderate incomes in large cities of the United States. This is one of the recognized indices of the cost of living in the United States. It is not known, for example, whether the same trends apply to small cities, towns, and to rural areas or not, because there is no statistical index available for these.

In the consumer price index, the levels of the years

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist Church Moravian: Moravian Church (Northern Province) Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presbyterian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

^{*}The fifteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

		B e n e v o	e n c e	s			
Religious Body	Denominationa	national	140	Tabel	Congregational	lotal	Reports for the
	Budget	Total	Omer	loral	Expenses	Contributions	Fiscal Year Ending
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 32,306,066	\$ 34.092.364	\$ 29.900	\$ 34 122 264	\$ 6033011	\$ 41 054 175	December 31 1051 1
2. Baptist: "American Convention	6,503,432		1,9		4	54.065.373	30
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.		310,000		310,000		310,000	30, 1952
	30,555	37,110		37,110	155,656	192,766	June 30, 1952 4.
	37,268,172	37,268,172		37,268,172	185,569,937	222,838,109	
Brethren:		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118	1950
/. Church of the Brethren	1,071,899	1,935,281	550,161	2,485,442	4,881,696	7,367,138	1952
•	114,230	114,230	2,500	119,730	353,300	473,030	30, 1952
	178,405	276,002	41,316	317,318	465,472	782,790	31, 1951
	1,635,042	3,787,022	693,968	4,480,990	22,618,078	27,099,068	31, 1951
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	058,76	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	31, 1950
	4,072,204	6,225,415		6,225,415	47,716,086	53,941,501	1951
1	6,256,240	7,206,240	1,057,398	8,263,638	51,854,382	60,118,020	June 30, 1952 13.
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	22,401	22,401	318	22,719	38,676	61,395	
		4,500		4,500	3,500	000'8	31, 1951
17 *Errangelical and Ketormed	7,399,080	3,092,400	443,576	4,135,981	24,987,405	29,123,386	31, 1951
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	2,317,249	800,400,0	334,364	5,413,8/2	24,038,004	29,451,876	31, 1952
	230,743	230,743		730,943	606'067	213,512	30, 1952
2) Lisheren * American	208,103	309,930	7100701	006,900	3,017,018	3,527,546	31, 1951
romerani	2,844,442	3,787,893	930,014	4,828,809	488,244,07	869,128,62	31, 1951
73 Evangelical	1,314,470	2,208,422	2001333	3,047,442	13,772,166	16,819,608	7, 10
	1,7,00,711	4,133,103	255,177,2	1,140,430	700' /00'67	30,134,098	31, 1932
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Mennonite	133.844	133.844	00000	133 844	42 733	176 577	, -
	582.062	948.682	175.763	1.124.445	1.372.533	2 496 978	31 1951
		1,866,821		1,866,821	1,329,940	3,196,761	31, 1951
33. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	30, 1952
	21,304,964	40,120,363		40,120,363	228,503,451	268,623,814	31, 1
	338,029	549,391	419,243	968,634	4,002,728	4,971,362	31, 1951
Moravian:	584	1,834	526	2,360	20,404	22,764	, 1951
	155,577	259,818	8,280	268,098	889,333	1,157,431	, 1951
Pentecostal Fin	71,000	71,000	The Control of the Co	71,000	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	71,000	31, 1951
39. Presbyterian: Associate Retormed (General Synod)	140,069	331,170	35,618	366,788	896,735	1,263,523	31, 1952
	757,780	257,280		25/,280	1,594,720	1,852,000	31, 1951
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	1,276,612	2.731.976	146.628	2.878.604	9.131.652	12.010.256	31,
*Protestant Episcopal	8,757,008	10,533,129		10,533,129	54,795,356	65,328,485	31, 1951
46. *Reformed in America 47. United Brethren in Christ	1,986,615	1,986,615	536,162	2,522,777	9,449,950	11,972,727	December 31, 1951 46.
	¢170 000 000	210,720		210,720	744,041,1	40/0/4/1	7641,10
Total U. S., 1951	\$1/2,823,939 161,753,621	\$236,793,314	\$ 12,580,118	\$249,801,078	\$1,036,832,082	\$1,286,633,160	
Baptist:	\$ 278,851	\$ 644,944	\$ 5,977	\$ 650,921	\$ 2,179,542	\$ 2,830,463	-
50 Union of Western Canada	98,619	142,870	19,379	162,249	544,914	707,163	1952
*Church	13.240.374	13 240 374	104	13 240 374	7.542.425	20 782 799	December 31 1951 51
	831,598	831,598	233,868	1,065,466	4,761,696	5,827,162	1951
	4,581,816	4,883,911	837,185	5,721,096	21,888,200	27,609,296	31, 1951
Total Canada, 1952 Total Canada, 1951 ¹	\$ 19,360,631	\$ 20,073,070	\$ 1,096,810	\$ 21,169,880	\$ 38,131,990	\$ 59,301,870	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	\$192.184.570	\$256.866.384	\$ 13.676.928	\$270,970,958	\$1.074.964.072	\$1.345,935,030	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1951	180,550,678	237,824,783		252,695,205	969,856,404	1,222,551,609	
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies, * M	* Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence	nent of Stewardship a	nd Benevolence.	1 1951 Revised.			

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PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

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	- Cooperation	Budget	Total	Total	Expenses	Contributions	Missions	
-	Advanticte: Savanth Dov	\$124.17	\$131.03	\$131.15	\$ 26.65	\$157.80		-
2.	Baptist: *American Convention	4.19	4.41	5.64	29.23	34.87	1.06	2.
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4 u	Southern Convention	5.37	5.32	5.32	26.51	0.1.0		5.
i •0	Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)	5	21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	9.
7.	*Church of the Brethren	6.40	11.56	14.85	29.16	44.01		۲. ۵
ထဴ (*Missionary Board of the Brethren	6.09	6.09	6.39	73.07	25.23		· 0
٠, ٥	Brethren in Christ	4 7.4	15.63	18 48	93.28	111.76		. 0
<u>:</u>	Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	3.26	4.32	6.40	36.05	42.45		
12.	*Congregational Christian	3.28	5.01	5.01	38.44	43.45		2.
13.	*Disciples of Christ	3.49	4.02	4.61	28.91	33.52		رى
14.	Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	7.35	7.35	7.46	12.70	20.16		4. 4
15.	Ukrainian Orthodox Church		0.16	0.16	0.12	0.28		o 4
. 16.	*Evangelical and Reformed	3.50	4.9/	5.50	33.03	62.36	3.05 17	. N
	*Evangelical Congregational	3 23	7 0.8	7.55	33.54	41.09		
. o	*Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damassus)	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37		6
20.	International Foursavare Gospel	99.9	6.68	6.68	39.53	46.21	4.28 2C	0.
21.	Lutheran: "American	5.43	7.23	9.21	40.05	49.26		_;
22.	*Augustana Evangelical	3.94	6.61	9.13	41.24	50.37	1.65 22	۲.
23.	Evangelical	3.78	6.87	11.81	38.02	21.03		. ⊾
24.	Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	4.54	0.00	0.00	75.56	55.73	0.91 25	. 40
25.	pou	3.02	8 56	8.55	31.80	40.36		. 6
27	* Injection	3.67	9.31	9.31	31.39	40.70		7
28.	United Evangelical		5.27	8.37	48.43	56.80	1.22 28	œ 1
29.	Wisconsin and Other States	6.19	6.19	6 88	28.04	34.92		6.0
30.	Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	70.18	70.18	70.18	22.41	92.39	8.73 30	-
37.	General Conference	61.11	18.24	28.12	20.00	48.02		. 2
33	Methodist: Free	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79		e.
2 6	**Methodist Church	2.35	4.43	4.43	25.20	29.63	1.05" 34	4.
35.	Wesleyan	29.67	15.72	17.71	114.50	142.21		. 5
36.	Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	0.29	0.92	1.18	10.20	11.38	0.13 30	· ·
37.	Moravian Church (Northern Province)	0.93	41.01	41.04	34.73	41.04		
30.	Presbyterion: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	5.32	12.58	13.93	34.06	47.99		6.
40.	Cumberland	3.30	3.30	3.30	20.44	23.74		0
41.	Orthodox	20.05	20.05	20.05	67.63	87.68		
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4 4 5.	. O. 9. A.	5.87	12.55	13.23	41.96	55.19		4
45.	*Protestant Episcopal	5.27	6.34	6.34	33.00	39.34	1.22 45	5.
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	Average U. S., 1932 Average U. S., 1951					32.33	1.31	1
4 8	Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 5.42	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.66	\$ 42.38	\$ 55.04		80
49.		5.88	8.51	79.67	32.47	73.30	2.23 49	6. c
50.	*United Convention of Maritime Provinces	12.08	12.08	12.08	6.88	18.96		; _ :
52.		4.69	4.69	6.01	26.85	32.86	1.31 52.	2.
53.	*United Church of Canada				1		7/1	51
	Average Canada, 1952	8.64	8.905	\$ 9.44	\$ 17.01	\$ 26.45	1.63	
-	Ceneral Average U. S. and Canada, 1952	\$ 5.49	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.82	\$ 30.51	\$ 33.88	\$ 1.35	
	General Average, U. S. and Canada, 1951				27.54	30.79	1,33	- 1
Sol	Source: Computed from official reports of the religious bodies.	* Member of Join	t Department of Stewo	* Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence	ce. 1951 Revised.	sed. "Not Revised.	1950	

1935-39 are taken as 100. The annual per capita gifts for the years 1935-39, averaging \$12.94, was also regarded as 100.

Comparison of trends is given in chart two and shows, for example, that per capita giving since about 1947 has increased at a more rapid rate than the consumer price index.

In general, it appears that in most years since 1934 the trend of per capita giving has been in the same direction as the consumer price index.

Between 1930 and 1934 per capita giving dropped more rapidly than the cost of living.

SOURCES

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 32nd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years. It was estimated by F. Emerson Andrews of the Russell Sage Foundation in his book, *Philanthropic Giving*, that churches in 1949 received about half of the total philanthropic giving in the U.S.A., almost \$1,900,000,000 out of a total of almost \$4,000,000,000 given for all purposes to education, charity and religion.

DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are-contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

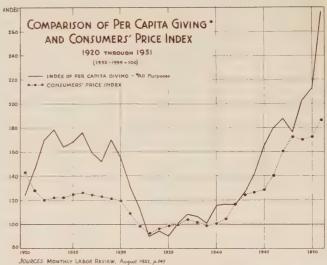
The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the reporting official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

Also, the figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey. Thus considerable confusion has resulted from publication of both sets of figures. Because of all of these considerations, the total of the membership stated by the official reporting figures on giving has been posted in the office records, but it is not published in this report.

SOME PER CAPITA GIFTS - ALL PURPOSES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita giving for all purposes are given, in order of rank, as follows:



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GIFTS OF PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS BODIES, 1921-1931 | 15 DENOMINATIONS, by Henry S Myere
Note: Per Cavilid date was converted into INDEX form with 1933-1939-100

CHART TWO

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Free Methodist	\$194.79
2. Seventh Day Adventist	\$158.00
3. Wesleyan Methodist	\$142.21
4. Brethren in Christ	\$124.31
5. Church of the Nazarene	\$111.76
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite	\$ 92.59
7. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	\$ 88.37
8. Orthodox Presbyterian	\$ 87.68
9. United Brethren in Christ	\$ 77.91
10. Brethren Church (Progressive)	\$ 72.31
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	\$ 66.19
12. Reformed Church in America	\$ 62.90
13. Evangelical Congregational	\$ 62.36
14. United Evangelical Lutheran	\$ 56.80

The median per capita is \$46.21 in the 47 denominations reporting.

The distribution of per capita gifts is as follows:

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less than \$10 2 denominations	60-69 3 denominations
10-19 1 denomination	70-79 2 denominations
20-29 4 denominations	80-89 2 denominations
30-39 8 denominations	90-100 1 denomination
40-4914 denominations	100 plus 5 denominations
50-59 5 denominations	
	Total47 denominations

PER CAPITA GIFTS FOR BENEVOLENCES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in the order of rank, are as follows:

Religious Body	Benevolence per capi
1. Seventh Day Adventist	. \$131.00
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennoni	
Church	. \$ 70.18
3. Free Methodist	. \$ 53.90
4. Brethren in Christ	. \$ 50.39
5. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness	. \$ 41.04
6. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting	
(Damascus)	. \$ 39.22
7. Mennonite Church	. \$ 28.07
8. Wesleyan Methodist	. \$ 27.71
9. Brethren Church (Progressive)	\$ 21.65
10. General Conference Mennonite	
Church	. \$ 21.62
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church	. \$ 20.05
12. Church of the Nazarene	
13. United Brethren in Christ	
14. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	\$ 16.22

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Statistics of iving

A COMPILATION OF THE LATEST INFORMATION, COMPLETED NOVEMBER 15, 1952

FORTY-SEVEN Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States report total contributions of \$1,286,633,160 for all purposes, compared with a total of \$1,166,443,648 reported a year earlier, an over-all gain of 10.3 per cent.

Congregational expenses amounted to \$1,036,832,082 in the 45 religious bodies reporting this item, a gain of \$102,452,271, or 11 per cent, over the figure given a year earlier.

Total benevolences amounted to \$249,801,078 in 47 denominations, a gain of \$17,737,241, or 7.6 per cent, over the previous annual figure compiled.

Total contributions were \$34.32 per capita, compared with \$32.33 a year ago, a gain of \$1.99 per member per year, or 6.1 per cent over the previous year, in the 47 denominations reporting.

The per capita gain in benevolences for the 47 reporting denominations was, however, only from \$6.43 to \$6.66, or 23 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the gain was only from \$1.31 per capita to \$1.34, or 3 cents per person per year.

CANADIAN FIGURES

For six religious bodies in Canada, total contributions were \$59,301,870, compared with \$56,107,961, a revised figure for a year earlier, a gain of \$3,193,909, or 5.7 per cent.

In Canada, giving for congregational expenses increased 7.5 per cent over the previous year, while for total benevolences the gain was 2.6 per cent.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$26.45 in total contributions, an increase of \$1.27 per member per year over the previous report. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$15.92 per year to \$17.01, a gain of \$1.09, while for total benevolences the gain was only from \$9.26 per capita to \$9.44, or 18 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, the members of Canadian churches gave \$1.68 per capita, compared with \$1.63, or a gain of 5 cents in the year.

For details, see the tables below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. for the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

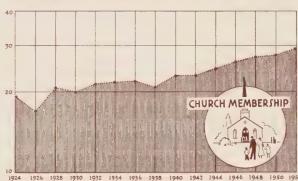
GIVING AND INFLATION

For the purpose of answering at least partly certain questions that continually arise concerning the effect of deflation and inflation on giving, a special study has been made, comparing the trend in total giving in 15 Protestant denominations* that have reported every year for every year since 1921 with the trend of church membership reported in these 15 bodies.

A comparison of the two trends, shown graphically in chart one, reveals that between 1926 and 1934 the reported church membership increased slightly, while from 1930 to 1934 the total giving considerably decreased.

From 1934 to 1952 church membership gradually





Sources: REPORTS of United Stewardship Council, 1924-50; of National Council of Churches, 1951-52

CHART ONE

increased, while total gifts for all purposes went up much more rapidly than the membership. The trends show graphically the common knowledge that there has been an inflation, particularly since 1940.

Another way of studying the matter has been to compare the trend in per capita gifts for all purposes in these 15 denominations with the trend in the consumer price index (all items) as compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for persons with moderate incomes in large cities of the United States. This is one of the recognized indices of the cost of living in the United States. It is not known, for example, whether the same trends apply to small cities, towns, and to rural areas or not, because there is no statistical index available for these.

In the consumer price index, the levels of the years

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist Church Moravian: Moravian Church (Northern Province) Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presbyterian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

^{*}The fifteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

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Comparison of trends is given in chart two and shows, for example, that per capita giving since about 1947 has increased at a more rapid rate than the consumer price index.

In general, it appears that in most years since 1934 the trend of per capita giving has been in the same direction as the consumer price index.

Between 1930 and 1934 per capita giving dropped more

rapidly than the cost of living.

SOURCES

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 32nd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years. It was estimated by F. Emerson Andrews of the Russell Sage Foundation in his book, *Philanthropic Giving*, that churches in 1949 received about half of the total philanthropic giving in the U.S.A., almost \$1,900,000,000 out of a total of almost \$4,000,000,000 given for all purposes to education, charity and religion.

DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are-contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used

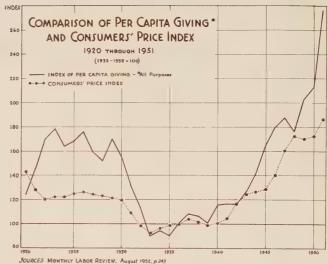
interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the reporting official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

Also, the figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey. Thus considerable confusion has resulted from publication of both sets of figures. Because of all of these considerations, the total of the membership stated by the official reporting figures on giving has been posted in the office records, but it is not published in this report.

SOME PER CAPITA GIFTS - ALL PURPOSES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita giving for all purposes are given, in order of rank, as follows:



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GIFTS OF PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS BODIES, 1921-1951. 15 DENOMINATIONS, by Harry S. Mysers

Note: Per Capila data was converted into INDEX form with 1935-1939-100

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Free Methodist	\$194.79
Seventh Day Adventist	\$158.00
Wesleyan Methodist	\$142.21
Brethren in Christ	\$124.31
Church of the Nazarene	\$111.76
Conference of Evangelical Mennonite	\$ 92.59
Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	\$ 88.37
Orthodox Presbyterian	\$ 27.68

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8. Orthodox Presbyterian \$ 87.68
9. United Brethren in Christ \$ 77.91
10. Brethren Church (Progressive) \$ 72.31
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. \$ 66.19
12. Reformed Church in America \$ 62.90

13. Evangelical Congregational \$ 62.36 14. United Evangelical Lutheran \$ 56.80 The median per capita is \$46.21 in the 47 denomina-

The distribution of per capita gifts is as follows:

less than \$10 2 denominations	60-69 3 denominations
10-19 1 denomination	70-79 2 denominations
20-29 4 denominations	80-89 2 denominations
30-39 8 denominations	90-100 1 denomination
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50-59 5 denominations	
	Total47 denominations

PER CAPITA GIFTS FOR BENEVOLENCES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in the order of rank, are as follows:

Religious Body	Benevolence per capita
1. Seventh Day Adventist	\$131.00
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonia	te
Church	m m 10
3. Free Methodist	
4. Brethren in Christ	¢ 50.20
5. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness	
6. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting	
(Damascus)	. \$ 39.22
7. Mennonite Church	\$ 28.07
8. Wesleyan Methodist	\$ 27.71
9. Brethren Church (Progressive)	\$ 21.65
10. General Conference Mennonite	Ψ 21.05
Church	. \$ 21.62
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church	\$ 20.05
12. Church of the Nazarene	\$ 18.48
13. United Brethren in Christ	\$ 17.40
14. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	\$ 16.22

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Statistics of Giving

A compilation of the latest information

completed November, 1953

Total contributions from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by the same religious bodies a year earlier.

For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the

amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a

gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,-153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent, also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. -11.2

per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago. The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year

for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57 - 11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.

Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In Statistics of Giving, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the trend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot

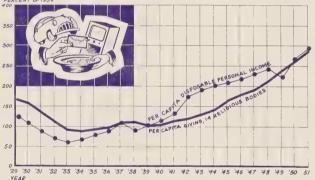
be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In all the charts the figures for 1939 =100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect

the economy of the United States.

Trend in Per Capita Giving to 14 Religious Bodies and in Per Capita Disposable Personal Income in the U.S., 1929-1951



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart I will be seen the trend in per capita disposable** personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist Church Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presbyterian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America **Personal income, minus taxes.

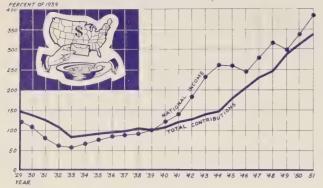
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Religious Body	Denominat	ono	Other	Total	Expenses	Contributions	Missions	Membership	
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1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 34,902,639	\$ 36,666,464	\$ 13,721	\$ 36,680,185	\$ 7,696,484	\$ 44,376,669	\$ 8,588,141		
2. Baptist: *American Convention	7,095,808	7,670,454	2,024,049	9,694,503	48,042,425	57,736,928	1,855,030	1,564,210 2.	
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4. Seventh Day General Conterence	74 480 240	49,700		49,/00	211,/18	261,418	11,002	7 000 000 50	
Brethren:	00100	411.197		411.197	961.921	1.373.118	440'00''		
	1,114,742	1,638,173	554,982	2,193,155	4.898,469	7,091,624	320,214	168,258 7.	
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	114,736	114,736	16,577	131,313	507,646	638,959	31,023		
9. Brethren in Christ	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085			
*	1,859,166	4,350,131	760,305	5,110,436	24,409,278	29,519,714	1,693,300		
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1.192.325	11,345	33,500 11.	
12. *Congregational Christian	4,274,038	6,561,443		6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466 12.	
*Disciples of Christ	6,959,293	7,909,293	1,060,398	8,969,691	51,746,382	60,716,073	1,982,852	1,824,062 13.	
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13,597	32,393	2.200		
	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000	17.000	250		
*Evangeli	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26.198.021	31.025.133	930.234		
*				427,646	1,320,251	1 747.897	85,363		
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	2,468,300	5,608,615	370,675	5,979,290	27,534,958	33,514,248			
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	236,943	236,943		236,943	296,969	533.912	74.658		
	573,464	573,464		573,464	3,380,485	3.953,949	372,400		
	3,262,053	3,696,423	1,159,201	4,855,624	22,707,168	27,562,792	362,249		
	1,436,509	2,943,805	593,235	3,537,040	12,624,718	16,161,758	565,495	339,437 22.	
23. Evangelical	2,366,014	4,649,038	2,568,861	7,217,899	23,268,332	30,486,231	650,832		
	97,364	97,364	1,040	98,404	560,302	658,706	16,407		
	4,652,306	23,883,173		23,883,173	57,989,964	81,873,137	1,635,308	1,230,512 25.	
	689'99	67,633		67,633	286,236	353,869			
*	7,444,459	12,806,067		12,806,067	50,267,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	1,448,427 27.	
	256,074	324,946	41,431	366,377	1,552,982	1,919,359	55,812		
	1,427,429	1,486,268	184,371	1,670,639	7,387,173	9,057,812		218,520 29.	
Mennonite:	120,338	120,338	5,388	125,726	74,949	200,675	56,992		
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Pentecosta	71,000	71,000		71,000		71,000	2 (4)		
Presbyterian:	170,693	425,587	26,344	451,931	808,342	1.260,273	61.450		
40. Cumberland	130,370	172,186		172,186	2,456,526	2,628,712	107,540		
	126,517	126,517		126,517	510,947	637,464	48,913		
*	10,988,356	10,988,356	961,255	11,949,611	39,233,615	51,183,226	2,153,508	744,746 42.	
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Total U. S., 1953	\$190,138,981	\$271,651,792	\$12,273,854	\$286,303,369	\$1,114,810,848	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703	37,933,423	ı
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48. Baptist: "Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 312,739	679,014	12,501	182,530	739 570	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752 48.	
	391,402	391,402	809	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119.487		
*Church				1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736			
52. *Presbyterian in Canada 53. *United Church of Canada	914,355	914,355	488,422	6,515,836	6,474,220	7,668,271	248,932	179,248 52.	
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214	\$ 793,320	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148		J
Total Canada, 1952	6,120,257	6,832,696	1,096,810	9,334,868	38,131,939	47,466,807	1,929,407	1,635,917	- 1
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Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. *Member	of Joint Department	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.		sed, includes only	Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely.		² Revised figure, 1951, latest available.	, latest available.	ı

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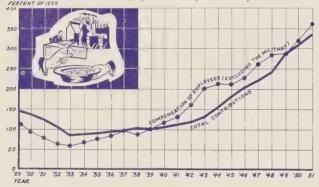


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In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employes in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employes was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

	Religious Body	Per	Capita Gift
1.	Seventh-day Adventist		\$165.26
2.	Wesleyan Methodist		149.56
3.	Brethren in Christ		120.44
4.	Church of the Nazarene		117.97
	Orthodox Presbyterian		109.34
	Conference of Evangelical Mennonite		97.32
	United Brethren in Christ		76.76
8.	Mennonite General Conference		70.75
	Presbyterian Church in the U.S.		68.73
10.	Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod		66.53
11.	Reformed Church in America		63.76
12.	United Evangelical Lutheran		56.95
13.	United Presbyterian Church		55.38
14.	Moravian Church (Northern Province)		52.36
15.	The Mennonite Church		51.24

Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

	Religious Body	Benevolence Per Ca	inite
1.	Seventh-day Adventist	\$136.59	•
2.	Conference of Evangelical Mennonit	e 60.97	
3.	Brethren in Christ	45.12	
4.	Mennonite General Conference	33.16	
5.	The Mennonite Church	29.12	
6.	Wesleyan Methodist	27.32	
7.	Orthodox Presbyterian	21.70	
8.	Church of the Nazarene	20.42	
9.	Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	19.40	
	Associate Reformed Presbyterian		
11.	Presbyterian Church in the U.S	16.04	
12.	Reformed Church in America	13.42	
13.	United Presbyterian Church	13.03	
	Church of the Brethren		
	Moravian Church (Northern Province		

Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Gouncil was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences,

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary — anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used

interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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Statistics of Giving

A compilation of the latest information

completed November, 1953

Total contributions from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by

the same religious bodies a year earlier.
For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the

amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for the year.

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a

gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,-153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent,

also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. -11.2per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57 - 11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.

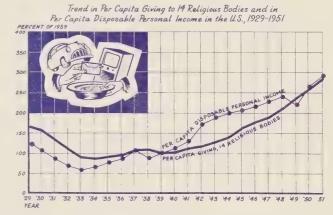
Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In Statistics of Giving, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the trend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot

be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952

In all the charts the figures for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indi-cators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect the economy of the United States.



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart I will be seen the trend in per capita disposable** personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

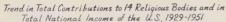
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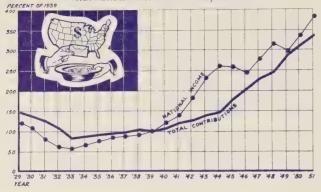
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11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	
12. Congregational Christian	4,2/4,038	6,561,443	1 040 308	6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466 12.
	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13.597	32.393	2.200	
	4,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	10,000	17,000	250	
*Evangelical and Reformed	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	
17. "Evangelical Congregational	2 468 300	5 408 415	370 675	427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	85,363	28,029 17.
*	236,943	236,943	0 /0/0 /0	236.943	20,334,938	53,514,248	74 658	6.042 19
	573,464	573,464		573,464	3,380,485	3,953,949	372,400	
	3,262,053	3,696,423	1,159,201	4,855,624	22,707,168	27,562,792	362,249	
22. *Augustana Evangelical	1,436,509	2,943,805	593,235	3,537,040	12,624,718	16,161,758	565,495	
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	97.364	4,047,036	1.040	98 404	560 302	30,486,231	650,832	22 580 24
25. Missouri Synod	4,652,306	23,883,173		23,883,173	57,989,964	81,873,137	1,635,308	
•	689'99	67,633		67,633	286,236	353,869		
2/. **United	7,444,459	12,806,067	107.17	12,806,067	50,207,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	
	1.427.429	1.486.268	184.37	1.670.639	7 387 173	1,919,359	55,812	33,700 28.
Mennonite:	120,338	120,338	5,388	125,726	74,949	200,675	56.992	
	788,143	980,771	207,145	1,187,916	1,346,887	2,534,803	201,987	
	000 800 1	2000	10 054	1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271		66,947 32.
* Methodist Church	23 056 337	42.318.470	4C7'71	42,318,470	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	0 100 478 33.
	360,865	594,535	380,296	974,831	4,360,799	5,335,630	209,068	35,676 35.
Moravian:	1,190	2,762		2,762	27,157	29,919	400	
	146,996	264,852	9,753	274,605	914,770	1,189,375	89,276	
39 Prechybrian Accorde Reformed (Ceneral Sund)	170,693	71,000	26 344	71,000	0000	71,000	037 17	
	130,370	172,186		172,186	2.456.526	2,628,712	107 540	75 000 40
	126,517	126,517		126,517	510,947	637,464	48,913	
*U.S. *U.S. ****************************	10,988,356	10,988,356	961,255	11,949,611	39,233,615	51,183,226	2,153,508	
	1,882,474	2,654,344	241,886	2,896,230	0,408,852	126,455,475	5,055,812	2,526,172 43.
*Protestant Episcopal	14,043,640	15,166,092		15,166,092	58,227,037	73,393,129	2,498,485	
40. "Ketormed in America 47. United Brethren in Christ	2,035,148	2,035,148	574,320	2,609,468	9,790,531	12,399,999	741,098	194,475 46.
Total U. S., 1953	\$190,138,981	\$271,651,792	\$12,273,854	\$286,303,369	\$1,114,810,848	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703	
	17 4,043,737	*10'00*'007	011,000,11	0/0,174,742	20,	87,1	્રો	
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 312,739	679,014	12,093	691,107	\$ 1,989,173	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752 48.
	391,402	391,402	809	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119,487	
*Church of England in Ca			202.020	1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736		
53. *United Church of Canada	914,355 4,918,398	6,027,414	488,422	6,515,836	6,474,220 24,700,153	7,668,271	1,462,804	179,248 52. 849,256 53.
Total Canada, 1953 Total Canada, 1952	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214 6.832.696	\$ 793,320 1,096,810	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148	
1 S and Canada 1053	\$106 803 031	\$270 834 006	\$13 067 174	\$206 684 265	\$1 157 583 055	\$1 454 267 320	\$55 425 051	70,000,1
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	178,944,196	243,316,010	13,676,928	258,825,946	1,074,964,021		52,102,133	39,122,535
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. *Member	of Joint Department	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.		ised, includes only	Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely.		² Revised figure, 1951, latest available.	, latest available.

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		Budget	Total		LApelises		Missions		
		00000		610/50		417507		21 1052	
	Adventists: Seventh Day	\$129.98	40.04	4130.39	30,71	36.91	01.70	April 30, 1953 2.	
4 6	*Notional Convention U.S.A. Inc.						.05	30, 1953	
4	Seventh Day General Conference	7.97	7.97	7.97	33.94	41.91	1.76		
5.	Southern Convention	5.21	6.55	6.55	28.88	35.43	1.1	1953	
.6	Brethren:	:	21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	30, 1950	
7.	*Church of the Brethren	6.62	9.74	13.03	29.11	42.15	1.90	30, 1953	
mi i		6.17	6.17	7.06	27.28	34.33	/9.1	30, 1953	
o. è		30.10	38.93	45.12	75.32	117.07	22.7	31, 1932	
.0.		7.43	7.37	20.42	77.33	28.50	0.77	1 1052	
_ :	Churches of God in N. A. (General I	70.7	6.3/	71.3	33.02	33.39	\$c. 1	Docombor 31 1052 15.	
12.		75.5	71.0	7.07	30.27	33.20	100	30, 1932	
13.	Disciples of Christ	5.02	7.53	5 62	4.07	0 69	60:	1953	
14.		55.5	?	30.0	Ò.		3	31 1952	
	*	2 55	2 80	6 42	34.83	41.24	1.24	31, 1952	
17.		2		15.26	47.11	62.36	3.04	31, 1952	
. 00		3.43	7.79	8.30	38.22	46.52		31, 1953	
10		39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	30, 1952	
20.		7.30	7.30	7.30	43.04	50.35	4.74		
21.	Lutheran:	6.03	6.83	8.97	41.95	50.92	79.	December 31, 1952 21.	
22.		4.23	8.67	10.42	37.19	47.61	1.67	31, 1952	
23.		3.83	7.53	11.69	37.68	49.37	1.05	31, 1953	
24.		4.31	4.31	4.36	24.80	29.16	.73	31, 1952	
25.		3.78	19.40	19.40	47.12	66.53	1.33		
26.	Norwegian	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85	: !	1, 1953	
27.	*	5.14	8.0.4	8.0.8	34.66	43.50	76.	1952	
28.		7.60	9.64	10.87	46.08	26.95	90.1	30, 1953	
29		0.03	0.60	70.07	33.80	64.14	77.70	31, 1932	
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31.	Monagin Church	00.77	76:77	29.13	27.33	51.24	5	31, 1951	
33	Methodist:	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	30, 1952	
34.		2.51	4.61	4.61	26.96	31.57	1.17	31, 1952	
35.		10.12	16.67	27.32	122.23	149.56	5.86	31, 1952	
36.	Moravian:	.36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	31, 1952	
37.		6.47	11.66	12.09	40.28	52.36	3.93	31, 1952	
38.		41.04	41.04	41.04		41.04		31, 1951	
39.	Presbyterian:	6.42	16.01	00.7	30.41	47.42	2.31	21, 12	
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4.		14.75	14.75	14.04	57.68	68 73	0.40	7	
42.		5.87	8.31	8.31	41.75	50.06	2.00	31, 1952	
44.		8.47	11.94	13.03	42.34	55.38	3.68	31, 1952	
45.	*Protestant Epi	8.31	8.97	8.97	34.45	43.43	1.48	31, 1952	
46.	* *	10.46	10.46	13.42	50.34	63.76	3.81	31,1	
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	Total U. S., 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.15	7.56	33.32	\$ 41.94	1.38		
10		\$ 616	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.62	\$ 39.19	\$ 52.81	\$ 3.35	April 30, 1953 48.	
49.				_					
50.		5.92	5.92	5.93	20.08	26.02	1.8 i	30, 1953	
51.	. *Church of England in Canada²	:		2.87	15.39	18.26		31, 1951	
52.		5.10	5.10	6.66	36.12	36.78	1.39	December 31, 1952 52.	
50	United Church of Canada				\$ 25 00	4 22 10	4 1 77	70/1/0	
	Total Canada, 1953 Total Canada, 1952	5.34	5.96	5.71		- 6			
	Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.12	\$ 8.46	\$ 33.02	\$ 41.48	\$ 1.46		
		5.26	7.13	7.48	31.04	38.52	1.37		
So	Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. "Member of Joint Department of	t Department of Ste	wardship and Benev	rolence. 1 Revised, i	Stewardship and Benevolence. 1 Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely.	oodies reporting con		² Revised figure, 1951, latest available.	'n



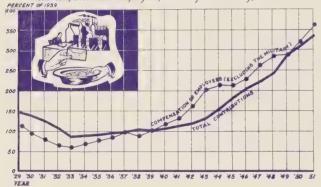


Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

Trend in Total Contributions to H Religious Bodies and in
Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951
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Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employes in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employes was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting this year the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

	Keligious Body	Per Capita Gij
1.	Seventh-day Adventist	\$165.26
2.	Wesleyan Methodist	149.56
3.	Brethren in Christ	120.44
4.	Church of the Nazarene	117.97
	Orthodox Presbyterian	
6.	Conference of Evangelical Mennonite	97.32
7.	United Brethren in Christ	76.76
8.	Mennonite General Conference	70.75
9.	Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	68.73
10.	Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	66.53
11.	Reformed Church in America	63.76
12.	United Evangelical Lutheran	56.95
13.	United Presbyterian Church	55.38
14.	Moravian Church (Northern Province)	52.36
15.	The Mennonite Church	51,24

Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

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1. Seventh-day Adventist	\$136.59
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennon	ite 60.97
3. Brethren in Christ	45.12
4. Mennonite General Conference	33.16
5. The Mennonite Church	29.12
6. Wesleyan Methodist	27.32
7. Orthodox Presbyterian	21.70
8. Church of the Nazarene	20.42
9. Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	19.40
10. Associate Reformed Presbyterian	17.00
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S	16.04
12. Reformed Church in America	13.42
13. United Presbyterian Church	
14. Church of the Brethren	13.03
15. Moravian Church (Northern Provin	
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Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Gouncil was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences,

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary — anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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Statistics of Giving

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completed November, 1953

Total contributions from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by the same religious bodies a year earlier.

For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the

amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for the year.

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a

gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,-153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent,

also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. – 11.2 per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57-11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.

Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In Statistics of Giving, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the frend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot

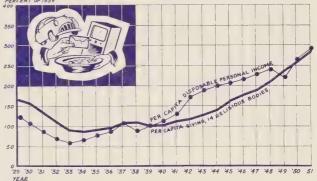
be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In all the charts the figures for 1939 =100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect

the economy of the United States.

Trend in Per Capita Giving to 14 Religious Bodies and in Per Capita Disposable Personal Income in the U.S., 1929-1951 08 1939



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart I will be seen the trend in per capita disposable** personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of 1939.

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

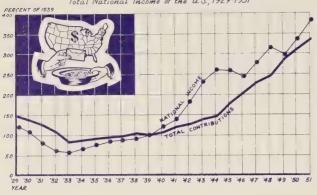
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Religious Body	Denominat	ional			Congregational	Total	Foreign	Membership
	Budget	Total	Other	Total	Expenses	Contributions	Missions	
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 34.902.639	\$ 36.666.464	\$ 13.721	\$ 36 680 185	\$ 7 404 484	44 376 460	¢ 0 500 141	260 522 1
2. Baptist: *American Convention	7,095,808	7,670,454	2,0		4			
•		40.0					214,443	
4. Seventh Day General Conterence	49,700	49,700		49,700	211,718	261,418	11,002	
Brethren:	00,400,400	43,622,630		45,822,830	202,181,489	248,004,319	669'58/'/	000,000,7
	1,114,742	1,638,173	554,982	2.193.155	4.898.469	7.001.624	320.214	
	114,736	114,736	16,577	131,313	507,646	638.959	31 023	18.610 8.
	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		
*	1,859,166	4,350,131	760,305	5,110,436	24,409,278	29,519,714	1,693,300	
	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	
12. *Congregational Christian	4,274,038	6,561,443		6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466 12.
	6,959,293	7,909,293	1,060,398	8,969,691	51,746,382	60,716,073	1,982,852	1,824,062 13.
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13,597	32,393	2,200	
	000,4	000'6	2,000	000'2	10,000	17,000	250	
17 *Evangelical dna Ketormed	60/1/07	4,302,030	464,4/6	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	
	3 469 200	5 409 415	370.476	427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	85,363	28,029 17.
10 *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damassis)	2,408,300	2,000,013	2/0,0/2	0,47,476	27,534,958	33,514,248		
	572,443	573 464		230,943	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042 19,
Lutheran: *American	3 262 053	3 606 423	1 150 201	3/3,404 A 855 534	3,380,485	3,953,949	372,400	
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	97,364	97,364	1,040	98,404	560,302	167,004,00 458,704	16 407	
	4,652,306	23,883,173		23,883,173	57.989.964	81.873.137	1.635.308	1.230,512 25.
	689'99	67,633		67,633	286,236	353,869		
*United	7,444,459	12,806,067		12,806,067	50,207,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	
	256,074	324,946	41,431	366,377	1,552,982	1,919,359	55,812	
	1,427,429	1,486,268	184,3/1	1,670,639	7,387,173	9,057,812		
Weilingille:	700 142	000,030	0,000	07/'07	74,949	200,675	56,992	
Memorale Church	00,143	1 / / 00 /	207,143	1,18/,910	1,346,887	2,534,803	201,987	
Methodist	1 024 900	2 213 000	12 254	7,730,077	7,460,144	3,430,271	000 100	43,000,00
	23,056,337	42,318,470		42.318.470	2,010,431 247 472 725	280 701 105	10 764 504	0 180 428 34
	360,865	594,535	380,296	974,831	4.360.799	5.335.630	200,000	
Moravian:	1,190	2,762		2,762	27,157	29.919	400	
	146,996	264,852	6,753	274,605	914,770	1,189,375	89,276	
	71,000	71,000		71,000		71,000		1,730 38.
39. Presbyterian: Associate Retormed (General Synod)	170,693	425,587	26,344	451,931	808,342	1,260,273	61,450	
40. Comperiand	130,370	17,2,180	:	12,186	2,456,526	2,628,712	107,540	
* VODO:: 1	10.088.356	10 988 356	041 255	11,040,11	20.22.415	637,464	48,913	
43. *U. S. A.	14,852,448	20,999,305		20.999.305	105 456 170	126 455 475	2,103,508	7 526 1772 72
*United	1,882,474	2,654,344	241,886	2,896,230	9,408,852	12,305,082	817.531	
* +	14,043,640	15,166,092		15,166,092	58,227,037	73,393,129	2,498,485	
47. United Brethren in Christ	2,035,148	2,035,148	574,320	2,609,468	9,790,531	12,399,999	741,098	
Total II & 1853	¢100 120 001	4971 451 700	410 070 051	007' /77	5/4/77	1,454,/59	114,700	18,955 47.
Total U. S., 1952	172,823,939	236,483,314	12,580,118	249,491,078	\$1,114,810,848 1,036,832,082	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703 50,172,726	37,933,423 37,486,618
Baptist:	\$ 312,739	679,014	12,093	201,169	\$ 1,989,173	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752 48.
49. *Union of Western Canada	128,056	170,029	12,501	182,530	739,570	922,100		
*Church of England in Canada ²	391,402	391,402	800	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119,487	
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	014 355	014 355	770 606	1,405,302	7,542,374	8,947,736		
- 1	4,918,398	6,027,414	488,422	6,515,836	24,700,153	31,215,989	1.462.804	179,248 52.
Total Canada, 1953 Total Canada, 1952	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214	\$ 793,320	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148	
4 Total II C and Canada 1052	¢10, 000 001	\$170,824,00£	¢12 047 174	\$304 404 24F	\$1 157 500 OFF	700,007,74	1,929,40/	/16,050,1
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	178,944,196	243,316,010	13,676,928	258,825,946	1,074,964,021	1,333,789,967	\$55,425,851 52,102,133	39,585,417 39,122,535
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. *Member	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.	of Stewardship and Be		sed, includes only	Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely.		² Revised figure, 1951, latest available.	, latest available.

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	Denominational	e	n c e s	Congregational	Total	Foreign	Reports for the
A pool of the pool	Budget	Total	Total	Expenses	Contributions	Missions	Fiscal Year Ending
	612000	¢107 E1	¢127.50	¢ 20 44	¢145.74	\$ 21.08	December 31 1052 1
2. Baptist: "American Convention	4.54	4.90	6.20	30.71	36.91		30, 1
						.05	30, 1953
	7.97	7.97	7.97	33.94	41.91	1.70	October 1, 1933 4.
S. Brothes Doggerine (National Followship)	17.0	0.33	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	30, 1950
	6.62	9.74	13.03	29.11	42.15	1.90	30, 1953
	6.17	6.17	7.06	27.28	34.33	1.67	30, 1
9. Brethren in Christ	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		31, 1952
*	7.43	17.39	20.42	97.55	117.97	6.77	31, 1952
	2.57	2.5/	7.5/	33.02	33.39	45.	1067
12. *Congregational Christian	3.3/	2.1/	2.17	38.29	33.20	1.02	
*	3.82	4.34	5,62	4.07	93.27	60.1	
Eastern:	2.33	0.00	20.0	,O.+	7.07	2	31 1052 1
*E Defendant	2 55	2 80	6 4 2	34.83	41 24	1 24	31, 1952
	?		15.26	47.11	62.36	3.04	31, 1952
*	3.43	7.79	8,30	38.22	46.52		31, 1953
*	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	30, 1952
	7.30	7.30	7.30	43.04	50.35	4.74	31, 1952
	6.03	6.83	8.97	41.95	50.92	.67	31, 1952
*	4.23	8.67	10.42	37.19	47.61	1.67	31, 1952
	3.83	7.53	1.69	37.68	49.3/	1.05	31, 1953
	4.3	12.4	05.4	74.80	29.10	2/.	December 31, 1932 24.
	3.78	0 34	0 34	30 51	48.85	??	1053
* Inited	5 14	8.84	8.84	34.66	43.50	26	31, 1952
	7.60	9.64	10.87	46.08	56.95	1.66	30, 1953
	6.53	6.80	7.65	33.80	41.45	:	31, 1952
Mennonite	58.36	58.36	26.09	36.35	97.32	27.64	, 1953
	22.00	27.37	33.16	37.59	70.75	5.64	31, 1952
32. Mennonite Church	: 6		29.13	22.11	21.24	12 77	31, 1951
Methodist:	24.82	53.61	23.90	140.89	31.57	1.77	December 30, 1932 33.
34, Methodist Church	10.7	16.67	27.32	122.23	149.56	5.86	31, 1952
34 Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	31, 1952
	6.47	11.66	12.09	40.28	52.36	3.93	31, 1952
Pentecosta	41.04	41.04	41.04		41.04	:	31, 1951
Presbyterian:	6.42	16.01	17.00	30.41	47.42	2.31	31, 1953
	1.74	2.30	2.30	32./5	35.04	1.43	31, 1952
	21.70	14.75	16.04	67.04	68.73	0.40	March 31, 1733 41.
42. **I C A	5.87	8.31	8.31	41.75	50.06	2.00	31, 1952
; <u>.</u>	8.47	11.94	13.03	42.34	55.38	3.68	31, 1952
*Protestant Episcopal	8.31	8.97	8.97	34.45	43.43	1.48	31, 1952
* .	10.46	10.46	13.42	50.34	63.76	3.81	December 31, 1952 46.
47. United Brethren in Christ	-	-	-	- 1	- 1	0.0	ecember 31, 1732
Total U. S., 1953	5.26	7.17	7.56	31.43	38.99	1.38	
	\$ 6.16	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.62	\$ 39.19	\$ 52.81	\$ 3.35	
		10.18	10.93	44.28	55.22	2.46	April 30, 1953 49.
	5.92	5.92	5.93	20.08	20.02	-8:	
	01.3	01.5	79.7	36.12	42.78	1 30	1052
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	5.79	7.10	7.67	29.08	36.76	1.72	952
1	\$ 5.74	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.28	\$ 25.89	\$ 32.18	\$ 1.76	
Ioral Canada, 1937	1			\$ 33.02	\$ 41.48	\$ 1.46	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$ 5.71	7.13	7.48		38.52		
Source, Benaric from officials of religious badies, "Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence." Revised, includes only the 46 badies reporting completely. Revised figure, 1951, latest available.	t Department of Stev	wardship and Benev	olence. ¹ Revised, i	ncludes only the 46	bodies reporting co	mpletely, ² Revised	figure, 1951, latest available.

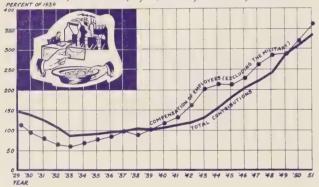


Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

> Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, Survey of Current Business, July, 1952.

In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employes in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employes was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting this year the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

	Religious Body	Per Capita Gif
1.	Seventh-day Adventist	\$165.26
2.	Wesleyan Methodist	149.56
3.	Brethren in Christ	120.44
4.	Church of the Nazarene	117.97
5.	Orthodox Presbyterian	109.34
6.	Conference of Evangelical Mennonite	97.32
7.	United Brethren in Christ	76.76
8.	Mennonite General Conference	70.75
9.	Presbyterian Church in the U.S.	68.73
10.	Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod	66.53
11.	Reformed Church in America	63.76
12.	United Evangelical Lutheran	56.95
	United Presbyterian Church	
14.	Moravian Church (Northern Province)	52.36
	The Mennonite Church	

Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting this year the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

-	ipita girt for benevolences, in order of it	Alle, I	3110 ** .	
	Religious Body	Beneu	oolence Per (Capite
	I. Seventh-day Adventist			
2	2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonit	e	60.97	
	3. Brethren in Christ		45.12	
4	4. Mennonite General Conference		33.16	
	5. The Mennonite Church		29.12	
(6. Wesleyan Methodist		27.32	
	7. Orthodox Presbyterian		21.70	
	8. Church of the Nazarene		20.42	
(9. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.		19.40	
-10	O. Associate Reformed Presbyterian		17.00	
1.	1. Presbyterian Church in the U.S		16.04	
13	2. Reformed Church in America		13.42	
13	3. United Presbyterian Church		13.03	
	4. Church of the Brethren			
1.	5. Moravian Church (Northern Province	e)	12.09	

Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Gouncil was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been

made during the past few years.

Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences,

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary - anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used

interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in

the Yearbook of American Churches.

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STATISTICS OF GIVING

A compilation of the latest information by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence published November 1, 1954 for the calendar year 1953

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS of \$1,537,132,309 for all purposes are reported by 48 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States. Of these bodies, 44 reported this year and a year earlier, and the gain in these Churches was 8.5 per cent.

For local congregational expenses, 47 bodies reported this year \$1,228,257,647. The 44 bodies reporting this year and last showed a gain of 8.9 per cent.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 48 denominations reported \$308,874,662. For the 44 bodies reporting this year and last, there was a gain of 6.8 per cent.

These are the highest totals ever recorded for these bodies. The per member total contribution in 44 bodies was \$45.36 this year, compared with \$41.92 a year earlier, a gain of 8.2 per cent *.

For benevolences the per member gift in 44 bodies this year was \$9.12, compared with \$8.56, a gain of 6.5 per cent over a year earlier.

Canadian Church Reports

The latest information from six religious bodies in Canada reveals total contributions of \$56,154,126, an increase of 5.6 per cent over those of a year earlier.

For benevolences, the sum of \$10,737,629 was reported, an increase of 3.4 per cent. For congregational expenses the bodies reported \$45,416,497, a gain of 6.2 per cent.

The per capita gift for all purposes was \$33.49, an increase of \$1.31, or over 4 per cent. For benevolences, the per capita gift was \$6.40, only a slight increase over the \$6.28 figure a year earlier. For congregational expenses, the per capita gift was \$27.09, up from \$25.89, or about 4.7 per cent.

Foreign Missions

For foreign missions, 45 bodies reported \$60,087,502, and a per member gift of \$1.57. For 44 bodies reporting both years, the total this year was \$58,995,174, and a year earlier \$53,298,340. The per member gift for the 44 bodies was \$1.76 this year and \$1.60 a year ago.

In Canada, five bodies reported a per member gift of \$1.73 this year, compared with \$1.76 a year earlier for foreign missions.

New Buildings and Other Capital Improvements

How large a factor are contributions for new buildings and other capital improvements? The question cannot be answered precisely from current reports. However, a search of published reports of six bodies for 1953 indicates that various categories that are believed to be new buildings and other capital improvements reveal that these are equal to 35.1 per cent of all local congregational expenses. The bodies included were American Baptist; Congregational Christian; United Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian U.S.; Presbyterian U.S.A.; and Evangelical United Brethren.

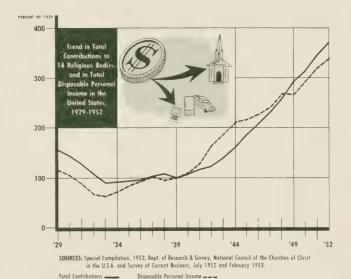
For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.

*Per member figures for the 44 bodies differ slightly from the figures on the inside pages.

TRENDS IN GIVING TO 14 BODIES 1929-52

This year several comparisons are made of the data on contributions reported by 14* denominations yearly, 1929-52, with certain economic data for the same years. In these compilations the figures on giving reported in 1953, for example, are regarded as for 1952. (They do not include the figures reported in 1954 for fiscal years as noted in this report, below). These computations supplement comparisons made in *Statistics of Giving*, published in 1953 and 1952.

In all these computations**, the figure for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with that year as a base. It is regarded by many as the year before World War II affected the economy of the United States.



IN CHART I will be seen the trend in total contributions to 14 denominations compared with the trend in disposable personal income (total personal income minus taxes). As a percentage of 1939, total contributions were higher than disposable personal income in the years 1929-36; lower in the years 1940-48; and again higher in the years 1949-52.

To give figures: total contributions in 1929 were 147.3 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 were 371.1 per cent of 1939.

Disposable personal income in 1929 was 117.5 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 was 338.8 per cent of 1939.

*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist, American Convention Baptist, Southern Convention Brethren, Church of the Congregational Christian Disciples of Christ, International Convention

Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical United Brethren Lutheran, United The Methodist Church Presbyterian, U.S. Presbyterian, U.S.A. Presbyterian, United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

^{**}Sources of all charts and computations are: Survey of Current Business, U.S. Department of Commerce, July, 1952, and February, 1953; Special Compilation, 1953, Department of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches.

Total Contributions from Living Donors

0 - 1 - 0	٥	e u e v o	0 L D	2	Congregational	Total	Foreign		
Verigious boad	Budget	Total	Other	Total	Expenses	Contributions	Missions	mempersnip	
1. Adventists: Seventh-day 2. Baptist: "American Convention	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 1,964,392	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 8,661,257 56,799,256	\$ 47,798,932 67,362,582	\$ 9,082,056	275,733	1.
*	546,000	556,000	263,900	819,900	2,247,752	3,067,652	214,443	42,000	e, 4,
5. Seventh Day General Conference 6. Southern Convention	50,616	802'65	84	59,792	187,987	278,851,129	15,579	6,262 7,000,000	6.5
Brethren:	07	411,197	000	411,197	961,921	1,373,118		18,988	7.
8. **Missionary Board of the Brethren	47,387	1,670,120	8,772	149,266	5,249,905	737,198	320,214	170,358	∞ o.
	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419	10.
 "Church of the Nazarene" Church of God, Anderson, Indiana** 	4,877,265	5,717,361	13,431	5,730,792	24,813,486	30,544,278	1,795,831	258,125	11.
	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500	13.
14. "Congregational Christian 15. "Disciples of Christ	7,455,327	7,986,724	946.214	7,986,724	56,075,142	64,061,866	1,703,329	1,283,754	14.
Eastern:	19,309	19,689	286	19,975	12,968	32,943	2,	3,398	16.
17. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America 18. *Evangelized and Beformed	9 471 700	5,000	2,000	7,000	10,000	17,000	250	36,816	17.
	862,720	1,387,313	404,470	1,387,313	4,452,761	5,840,074	502,328	53,564	<u>~</u> ~
20. *Evangelical United Brethren	3,794,178	6,396,745	402,491	6,799,236	29,532,758	36,331,994	1,326,943	723,487	20.
	710,172	810,926	. :	810,926	3,542,653	4,353,579	381,534	83,059	22.
Lutheran:	3,827,780	4,001,141	1,473,798	5,474,939	25,406,317	30,881,256	576,481	558,985	23.
25. Evangelical	3.136.383	5.051.636	1.406.731	3,887,365	23.855.540	30,33,019	784.891	346,978	24.
	104,682	104,682		104,682	640,289	744,971	24,287	23,190	26.
2/. Missouri Synod	9,944,382	15,197,356		15,197,356	65,013,675	80,211,031	1,495,143	1,269,089	27.
*	9,263,793	14,063,284	1,747	14,065,031	53,656,517	533,609	2,241,249	1,482,354	29.
	263,279	349,033	(.)	386,081	1,567,082	1,953,163	56,233	34,969	30.
31. Wisconsin and Other States	1,589,726	2,105,067	243,681	2,348,748	7,835,544	10,184,292	100,000	220,694	31.
	572,088	597,370	110,523	707,893	1,326,501	2,034,394	231,930	35,831	33.
34. Mennonite Church			6	1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271	() () () () () () () () () ()	66,947	34.
35. Methodist: Free 36. *Methodist Church	33,246,568	46,882,218	12,254	2,226,163	267.638.996	8,044,594	527,380	41,298	35.
	731,147	1,133,227		1,133,227	4,822,693	5,955,920	264,410	34,955	37.
38. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	17,190	2,762	7 011	2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348	38.
Presbyterio	175,542	283,375	2,853	286,228	1,020,878	1,307,106	55,480	27,481	40.
41. Cumberland	256,424	277,794	75,044	352,838	2,826,084	3,178,922	106,173	84,393	41.
43. *U.S.	11.704.417	12.488.445	1.008.036	13.496.481	211,231	56 001 996	2 132 444	5,768	42.
	22,437,556	22,437,556	1,514,292	23,951,848	117,105,331	141,057,179	5,358,151	2,497,132	4 4 .
45. *Protectont Enicopal	2,110,562	2,926,173	229,201	3,155,374	10,049,523	13,204,897	783,875	228,718	45.
*	2,343,964	2,921,660	000,412,2	2,921,660	10,750,237	13,671,897	794,529	1,7 18,038	40.
48. United Brethren in Christ	178,998	344,244		344,244	1,241,604	1,585,848	122,572	19,022	48.
Total U. S., 1954	\$201,605,428 190,138,981	\$244,759,213 271,651,792	\$13,600,189	\$308,874,662 286,303,369	\$1,228,257,647 1,114,810,848	\$1,537,132,309 1,401,114,217	\$60,087,502	33,682,089	
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 466,945	\$ 899,869	\$ 19.479	\$ 899,869	\$ 2,573,618	\$ 3,473,487	\$ 179,904	51,884	49.
	272,124	311,960	-	311,960	1,281,396	1,593,356	93,415	66,386	50.
52. "Church of England in Canada	1 152 202	1 220 162		1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736	6	489,974	52.
54. "United Church of Canada	5,432,418	6,134,933	522,048	6,656,981	27,162,651	33,819,632	1,470,854	181,270	53. 54.
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Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954 Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$209,080,866	\$253,549,953	\$14,141,716	\$319,612,291	\$1,273,674,144	\$1,593,286,435	\$62,142,766	35,358,577	
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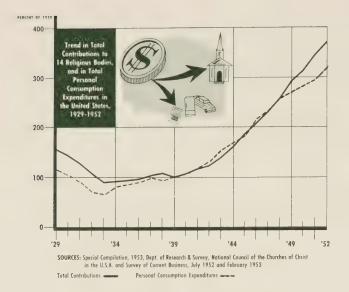
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. "Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. ""Reporting for the first time.

This body has changed from a fiscal to a calendar year basis since its last report. Its total contributions in the 9-month period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1953 amounted to \$43,206,190. The above figures represent this amount plus one-fourth of the amount reported in Statistics of Giving 1953.

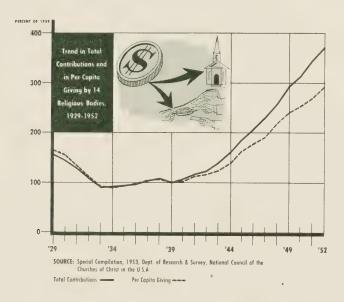
Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

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IN CHART II, the comparison is made between total contributions and total personal consumption expenditures. Personal consumption expenditures were 116.7 per cent of 1939 in 1929, while contributions were, as before stated, 147.3 per cent. Contributions continued to be a higher percentage of 1939 than personal consumption expenditures down to about 1936. In 1940, the position is reversed on the chart, but the two lines "ran together" until 1948, when contributions again resumed about the same position in relation to personal consumption expenditures that obtained in 1929-34.



IN CHART III are presented data on total contributions and on per capita giving. The main conclusion is that total contributions have since 1939 gone ahead more rapidly than per capita giving.

Highest Per Capita Gifts-All Purposes

The 15 denominations reporting this year the highest per member gift for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

1.	Seventh-day Adventists	\$173.35
	Wesleyan Methodist	170.39
3.	Church of the Nazarene	118.33
	Orthodox Presb.	112.46
5.	Evang. Mission Covenant Church of America	109.03
	Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church	
	Church of God, Anderson, Ind,	
8.	United Brethren in Christ	83.37
	Presbyterian U.S.	73.99
10.	North American Baptist Gen. Conf	73.04
	Reformed Church in America	
12.	Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	
	United Presbyterian	
14.	Mennonite, Gen. Conf.	
	Presbyterian U.S.A.	
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Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The 15 denominations reporting this year the highest per member gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

1. Seventh-day Adventists	\$141:94
2. Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church	67.64
3. Wesleyan Methodist	
4. Evang, Mission Covenant Church of America	
5. Orthodox Presb	23.82
6. Church of the Nazarene	22.20
7. Mennonite, Gen. Conf	
8. N. A. Bapt. Gen. Conf.	19.52
9. United Brethren in Christ	18.10
10. Presbyterian U.S.	17.83
11. Reformed Church in America	14.65
12. United Presbyterian	13.80
13. Church of God, Anderson, Ind.	13.15
14. Church of the Brethren	12.96
15. Protestant Episcopal	12.92

Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 34th of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational head-quarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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STATISTICS OF GIVING

A compilation of the latest information by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence published November 1, 1954 for the calendar year 1953

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS of \$1,537,132,309 for all purposes are reported by 48 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States. Of these bodies, 44 reported this year and a year earlier, and the gain in these Churches was 8.5 per cent.

For local congregational expenses, 47 bodies reported this year \$1,228,257,647. The 44 bodies reporting this year and last showed a gain of 8.9 per cent.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 48 denominations reported \$308,874,662. For the 44 bodies reporting this year and last, there was a gain of 6.8 per cent.

These are the highest totals ever recorded for these bodies. The per member total contribution in 44 bodies was \$45.36 this year, compared with \$41.92 a year earlier, a gain of 8.2 per cent *.

For benevolences the per member gift in 44 bodies this year was \$9.12, compared with \$8.56, a gain of 6.5 per cent over a year earlier.

Canadian Church Reports

The latest information from six religious bodies in Canada reveals total contributions of \$56,154,126, an increase of 5.6 per cent over those of a year earlier.

For benevolences, the sum of \$10,737,629 was reported, an increase of 3.4 per cent. For congregational expenses the bodies reported \$45,416,497, a gain of 6.2 per cent.

The per capita gift for all purposes was \$33.49, an increase of \$1.31, or over 4 per cent. For benevolences, the per capita gift was \$6.40, only a slight increase over the \$6.28 figure a year earlier. For congregational expenses, the per capita gift was \$27.09, up from \$25.89, or about 4.7 per cent.

Foreign Missions

For foreign missions, 45 bodies reported \$60,087,502, and a per member gift of \$1.57. For 44 bodies reporting both years, the total this year was \$58,995,174, and a year earlier \$53,298,-340. The per member gift for the 44 bodies was \$1.76 this year and \$1.60 a year ago.

In Canada, five bodies reported a per member gift of \$1.73 this year, compared with \$1.76 a year earlier for foreign missions.

New Buildings and Other Capital Improvements

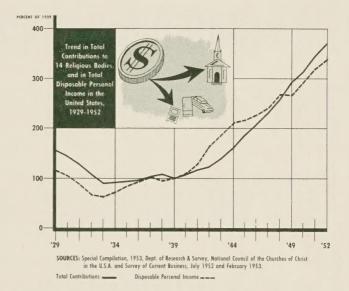
How large a factor are contributions for new buildings and other capital improvements? The question cannot be answered precisely from current reports. However, a search of published reports of six bodies for 1953 indicates that various categories that are believed to be new buildings and other capital improvements reveal that these are equal to 35.1 per cent of all local congregational expenses. The bodies included were American Baptist; Congregational Christian; United Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian U.S.; Presbyterian U.S.A.; and Evangelical United Brethren.

For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.

TRENDS IN GIVING TO 14 BODIES

This year several comparisons are made of the data on contributions reported by 14* denominations yearly, 1929-52, with certain economic data for the same years. In these compilations the figures on giving reported in 1953, for example, are regarded as for 1952. (They do not include the figures reported in 1954 for fiscal years as noted in this report, below). These computations supplement comparisons made in Statistics of Giving, published in 1953 and 1952.

In all these computations**, the figure for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with that year as a base. It is regarded by many as the year before World War II affected the economy of the United States.



IN CHART I will be seen the trend in total contributions to 14 denominations compared with the trend in disposable personal income (total personal income minus taxes). As a percentage of 1939, total contributions were higher than disposable personal income in the years 1929-36; lower in the years 1940-48; and again higher in the years 1949-52.

To give figures: total contributions in 1929 were 147.3 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 were 371.1 per cent of 1939.

Disposable personal income in 1929 was 117.5 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 was 338.8 per cent of 1939.

*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist, American Convention Baptist, Southern Convention Brethren, Church of the Congregational Christian Disciples of Christ, International Convention

International Convention Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical United Brethren Lutheran, United The Methodist Church Presbyterian, U.S. Presbyterian, U.S.A. Presbyterian, United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

^{*}Per member figures for the 44 bodies differ slightly from the figures on the inside pages.

^{**}Sources of all charts and computations are: Survey of Current Business, U.S. Department of Commerce, July, 1952, and February, 1953; Special Compilation, 1953, Department of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches.

Total Contributions from Living Donors

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 Adventists: Seventh-day Baptist: *American Convention 	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 1.964.392	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 8,661,257	\$ 47,798,932	\$ 9,082,056	275,733	0
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5. Southern Convention	50,616	807,96	84	59,792	187,987	247,779	15,579	6,262	5.
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	47,387	140,494	8,772	149,266	587,932	737,198	40,738	18,979	6
10. Shermen in Christ	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419	10.
12. Church of God, Anderson, Indiana**	967,400	1367 400	15,431	1 367 400	8 164 000	30,544,278	1,795,831	258,125	1.
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*	7,633,187	8,493,187	946,214	9,439,401	45,117,261	54,556,662	2,088,529	1,847,954	15.
15. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	19,309	19,689	286	19,975	12,968	32,943	2,065	3,398	16.
18. *Evangelical and Reformed	2 471 700	3,000	2,000	000,7	10,000	17,000	250	36,816	17.
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22. International Foursquare Gospel	710,172	810,926		810,926	3,542,653	4,353,579	381,534	83,059	22.
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	3,136,383	5,051,636	1.406.731	6,458.367	23.855.540	30,33,019	784 891	340,978	24.
	104,682	104,682		104,682	640,289	744,971	24,287	23,190	26.
	9,944,382	15,197,356		15,197,356	65,013,675	80,211,031	1,495,143	1,269,089	27.
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Mennonite:	142,250	142,250	***************************************	142,250	84,406	226,656	70,576	2,103	32.
	572,088	597,370	110,523	707,893	1,326,501	2,034,394	231,930	35,831	33.
				1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271		66,947	34.
36. Methodist rree *Methodist Church	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	41,298	35.
	731,147	1,133,227		1,133,227	4.822.693	5.955.920	264.410	34 955	37.
Moravian:	1,190	2,762	***************************************	2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348	38.
Mor	176,937	222,775	7,911	230,686	1,004,848	1,235,534	91,418	23,196	39.
40. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	175,542	283,375	2,853	286,228	1,020,878	1,307,106	55,480	27,481	40.
42. Orthodox	137.423	461,114	/3,044	352,838	511 231	3,178,922	106,173	84,393	41.
43. *U.S. ¹	11,704,417	12,488,445	1,008,036	13,496,481	42,505,515	56,001,996	2.132,444	756.884	44.
	22,437,556	22,437,556	1,514,292	23,951,848	117,105,331	141,057,179	5,358,151	2,497,132	44.
45. *Protestant Episcopal	2,110,562	10 077 538	229,201	3,155,374	10,049,523	13,204,897	783,875	228,718	45.
	2,343,964	2,921,660	0000,712,4	2.921.660	10.750.237	13 671 897	704 520	100 381	40.
48. United Brethren in Christ	178,998	344,244		344,244	1,241,604	1,585,848	122,572	19,022	48.
Total U. S., 1954 Total U. S., 1953	\$201,605,428	\$244,759,213	\$13,600,189	\$308,874,662	\$1,228,257,647	\$1,537,132,309	\$60,087,502	33,682,089	
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 466,945	\$ 899,869		\$ 899,869	\$ 2573,618	\$ 3.473.487	\$ 170,004	20,44,004,00	5
			\$ 19,479					17.073	50.
51. *Church of England in Canada	272,124	311,960		311,960	1,281,396	1,593,356	93,415	986'999	51.
	1,152,303	1,270,152		1,403,362	6.020.957	8,947,736	878 876	489,974	52.
54. *United Church of Canada			522,048	6,656,981	27,162,651	33,819,632	1,470,854	869,901	54.
Total Canada, 1954 Total Canada, 1953	\$ 7,475,438 6,664,950	\$ 8,790,740 8,182,214	\$ 541,527	\$ 10,737,629	\$ 45,416,497	\$ 56,154,126	\$ 2,055,264	1,676,488	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954	\$209,080,866	\$253,549,953	\$14,141,716	\$319,612,291	\$1,273,674,144	\$1,593,286,435	\$62,142,766	35,358,577	
	156,603,931	2/9,834,000	13,007,174	290,684,265		1,454,267,320	55,425,851	35,058,939	
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. "Me	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence	nent of Stewardship	and Benevolence.	* * Reporting	for the first time.				

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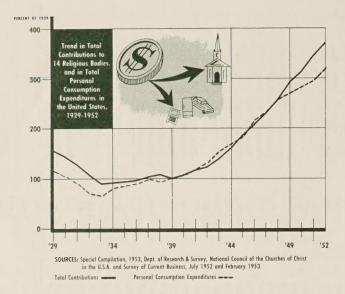
This body has changed from a fiscal to a calendar year basis since its last report. Its total contributions in the 9-month period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1953 amounted to \$43,206,190. The above figures represent this amount period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1953 amount reported in Statistics of Giving 1953.

Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

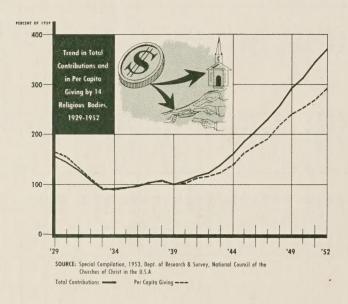
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Religious Body	Denor	minational		Experior	loral	Missign	Reports for the	
	Budget	Total	Total	rypelises	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	Wissions	riscal Tear Enaing	
1. Adventists: Seventh-day	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$ 31.41	\$173.35	\$ 32.04	December 31 1053 1	
2. Baptist: *American Convention	5.36	5.75	7.06	37.97	45.04		30, 1954	
*		*******	19 000 100			.05	30, 1953	
	13.00	13.24	19.52	53.52	73.04	4.52	31, 1	
Southern Convention	9.0.9	٧.33	4.33	30.02	39.37	1.49	30, 1954	
Brethren		21 65	21.65	50.66	72.31	70.1	30, 1933	
	6.54	9.80	12.96	30.82	43.78	1.88	1953	
*	2.50	7.40	7.86	30.98	38.84	2.15	31, 1954	
	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		31, 1952	
11. *Church of the Nazarene	18.89	22.15	22.20	96.12	118.33	96.9	31, 1953	
	9.30	13.15	13.15	78.50	91.65	3.85	1954	
	2.57	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	1952	
14. *Congregational Christian	3.47	6.22	6.22	43.68	49.91	1.33	1953	
*	4.13	4.60	5.11	24.41	29.52	1.13	1954	
Eastern:	5.68	5.79	5.88	3.82	69.6	.61	30, 1954	
							31, 1952	
	3.55	2.80	6.42	34.83	41.24	1.24	31, 1952	
		75.90	72.90	83.13	109.03	9.38	30, 1954	
*Evangelical United Brethren	20.22	40.00	9.40	40.82	17.00	1.83	1, 1954	
22 Integrational Engrange Completed		37.72	37.77	49.13	60.3/	12.30	30, 1952	
		7.7	0.70	45.03	55.24	1.03	31, 1933	
	7 080	0 44	11 20	42.78	53.08	20.1	31, 1933	
	20.4	8 12	10.38	38 33	48.70	1 24	2, 2	
	4.51	4.51	4.51	22:32	32.12	1.05	1052	
	7.84	11.97	11.97	51.22	63.20	1.18	31 1053	
	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85		1, 1953	
*	6.25	9.48	9.48	36.19	45.68	1.51	31, 1953	
30. United Evangelical	7.53	86.6	11.04	44.81	55.85	1.61	7, 1954	
31. Wisconsin and Other States	7.20	9.54	10.64	35.50	46.14	.45	31, 1953	
32. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	67.64	67.64	67.64	40.14	107.78	33.56		
	15.97	16.67	19.76	37.02	56.78	6.47	31, 1954	
	:		29.13	22.11	51.24		31, 1	
Methodist:	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	30, 1952	
36. *Methodist Church	3.63	5.12	5.12	29.24	34.37	2.18	31, 1953	
20 Marrian Event II-ity Cash Marrian Bashes	76.07	34.42	32.42	0 11	0.39	7.30	31, 1953	
		79.	70.0	43.37	53.24	3 04	December 31, 1932 38.	
Prechyteria	6.30	10.31	10.42	37.15	47.56	2.02	31, 1933	
	3.04	3.29	4.18	33.49	37.67	1.26	31, 1953	
	2	23.82	23.82	88.63	112.46	8.20	31, 1954	
*		16.49	17.83	56.15	73.99	2.82	31, 1	
	8.98	8.98	6.59	46.90	56.49	2.15	31, 1953	
		12.79	13.80	43.93	57.73	3.43	31, 1953	
	11.63	11.63	12.92	36.10	49.02	1.54	31, 1953	
40 II: A Basher in Chiid		14.60	14.60	53.91	68.5/	3.98		
Culled		-	-					
Total U. S., 1954	\$ 7.58	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.17	\$ 36.47	\$ 45.64	\$ 1.57		
Bontich.	•	\$ 17.20					1054	
50. ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** ** **	8 8 8	\$ 17.29	\$ 17.29	48.00	\$ 00.43	3.47	April 30, 1954 49.	
	4.10	4.70	4.70	19.30	24.00	1.41	1954	
*Church			2.87	15.39	18.26		1951	
*Presbyterian in Canada	6.36	7.01	7.01	33.22	40.22	1.37	31, 1953	
54. *United Church of Canada	6.24	7.05	7.65	31.22	38.87	1.69	31, 1953	
Total Canada, 1954	\$ 6.30	\$ 7.41	\$ 6.40	\$ 27.09	\$ 33.49	\$ 1.73		
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Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954 Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	5.71	8.12	8.46	33.02	41.48	1.46		
dies.	*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.	nent of Stewardship a	nd Benevolence.	**Reporting	*Reporting for the first time.			
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Source: Keports from officials of religious boates.

The 4,526,478 membership of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A. Inc. has been included in the membership figure for the purpose of calculating the per member contribution to foreign missions.



IN CHART II, the comparison is made between total contributions and total personal consumption expenditures. Personal consumption expenditures were 116.7 per cent of 1939 in 1929, while contributions were, as before stated, 147.3 per cent. Contributions continued to be a higher percentage of 1939 than personal consumption expenditures down to about 1936. In 1940, the position is reversed on the chart, but the two lines "ran together" until 1948, when contributions again resumed about the same position in relation to personal consumption expenditures that obtained in 1929-34.



IN CHART III are presented data on total contributions and on per capita giving. The main conclusion is that total contributions have since 1939 gone ahead more rapidly than per capita giving.

Highest Per Capita Gifts-All Purposes

The 15 denominations reporting this year the highest per member gift for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

1.	Seventh-day Adventists	\$173.35
2.	Wesleyan Methodist	170.39
3.	Church of the Nazarene	118.33
4.	Orthodox Presb.	112.46
5.	Evang, Mission Covenant Church of America	109.03
6.	Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church	107.78
7.	Church of God, Anderson, Ind.	91.65
	United Brethren in Christ	83.37
9.	Presbyterian U.S.	73.99
10.	North American Baptist Gen. Conf.	73.04
11.	Reformed Church in America	68.57
	Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod	63.20
	United Presbyterian	57.73
	Mennonite, Gen. Conf.	56.78
	Presbyterian U.S.A.	56.49

Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The 15 denominations reporting this year the highest per member gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

1.	Seventh-day Adventists	141:94
2.	Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church	67.64
	Wesleyan Methodist	32:42
	Evang, Mission Covenant Church of America	25.90
5.	Orthodox Presb.	23.82
6.	Church of the Nazarene	22.20
7.	Mennonite, Gen. Conf	19.76
8.	N. A. Bapt. Gen. Conf.	19.52
9.	United Brethren in Christ	18.10
10.	Presbyterian U.S.	17.83
11.	Reformed Church in America	14.65
12.	United Presbyterian	13.80
13.	Church of God, Anderson, Ind.	13.15
	Church of the Brethren	12.96
15.	Protestant Episcopal	12.92

Sources

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The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

Budget Benevolence includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

Denominational Benevolence includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational head-quarters.

Other Benevolences are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

Total Benevolences is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

Congregational Expenses includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

Total Contributions is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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